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*Method for Detecting a Biological Entity in a Sample*  
*Art Group: 1637*  
*Preliminary Amendment*

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the first line on page 1 of the specification below the title, which starts with “(Atty Docket No.102735.124”.

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1 of the specification below the title and before the heading “Background of the Invention”:

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/563,038, filed May 1, 2000, now abandoned, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/183,388, filed February 18, 2000, and U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/190,691, filed March 20, 2000.

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